Table 4.
OASI survivors benefits, by type of beneficiary, November 2002–November 2003

Month		Widow(er)s	Widowed mothers			
	All beneficiaries	and parents a	and fathers <sup>b</sup>	Children		
	Number (thousands)					
2002						
November	6,871	4,781	192	1,898		
December	6,875	4,773	194	1,908		
2003						
January	6,835	4,745	177	1,914		
February	6,843	4,741	178	1,924		
March	6,855	4,737	181	1,937		
April	6,866	4,737	183	1,946		
May	6,873	4,735	185	1,953		
June	6,835	4,731	187	1,917		
July	6,786	4,729	186	1,870		
August	6,788	4,726	186	1,876		
September	6,798	4,725	188	1,885		
October	6,803	4,722	188	1,893		
November	6,808	4,717	189	1,902		
	Total monthly benefits (millions of dollars)					
2002						
November	5,208	3,993	121	1,093		
December	5,285	4,045	124	1,115		
2003						
January	5,257	4,024	111	1,123		
February	5,267	4,024	113	1,130		
March	5,278	4,025	115	1,139		
April	5,288	4,027	116	1,145		
May	5,296	4,029	117	1,150		
June	5,277	4,029	119	1,128		
July	5,249	4,030	120	1,099		
August	5,254	4,031	120	1,103		
September	5,264	4,033	122	1,109		
October	5,270	4,033	122	1,115		
November	5,277	4,032	123	1,122		

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NA d	All bon of significant	Widow(er)s	Widowed mothers	Ob il du a c		
Month	All beneficiaries	and parents <sup>a</sup>	and fathers <sup>b</sup>	Children		
	Average monthly benefit (dollars)					
2002						
November	758.00	835.20	630.60	576.00		
December	768.70	847.40	640.20	584.60		
2003						
January	769.20	848.10	629.20	586.60		
February	769.60	848.80	631.00	587.20		
March	769.90	849.60	632.60	587.80		
April	770.20	850.20	634.00	588.40		
May	770.60	850.80	635.20	588.80		
June	772.00	851.60	639.20	588.60		
July	773.50	852.20	643.90	587.50		
August	774.10	853.00	645.10	588.00		
September	774.40	853.60	646.60	588.50		
October	774.60	854.10	647.30	589.00		
November	775.20	854.80	649.30	590.20		

SOURCE: Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record, 100 percent data.

NOTES: Data are for the end of the specified month.

Some Social Security beneficiaries are entitled to more than one type of benefit. In most cases, they are dually entitled to a worker benefit and a higher spouse or widow(er) benefit. If both benefits are financed from the same trust fund, the beneficiary is usually counted only once in the statistics, as a retired-worker or a disabled-worker beneficiary, and the benefit amount recorded is the larger amount associated with the auxiliary benefit. If the benefits are paid from different trust funds the beneficiary is counted twice, and the respective benefit amounts are recorded for each type of benefit.

- a. Includes nondisabled widow(er)s aged 60 or older, disabled widow(er)s aged 50 or older, and dependent parents of deceased workers aged 62 or older.
- b. A widow(er) or surviving divorced parent caring for the entitled child of a deceased worker who is under age 16 or is disabled.

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